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Gajapayana begins

Five Dasara elephants accorded warm send off after traditional *puja* at Veeranahosahalli

Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri seen offering traditional** tamboola **to the Mahouts of Dasara Jumbos at Veeranahosahalli this morning.

Hunsur, Oct.1 (Hanagodu Mahesh)- 'Gajapayana' (marching of elephants) of five elephants which will take part in Dasara-2020 began at Veeranahosahalli on the outskirts of Nagarahole National Park in the taluk this morning.

The otherwise fanfare affair with the presence of elected representatives and cultural troupes, this time it was a low-key affair with no single politician present on the occasion.

On behalf of the State Government, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri flagged off the event by offering flowers to the Dasara elephants. The threat of COVID-19 was so much visible that not even local people were present at the spot to accord send off to elephants being transported to Mysuru for Dasara festival.

At around 11 am, the DC offered flowers to five elephants — Howdah carrying elephant Abhimanyu, Vikram, Gopi, Vijaya and Kaveri. She also offered '*tamboola*' to all five Mahouts to mark traditional welcome to them for this year's Dasara festival. The one and only batch of five caparisoned elephants led by Abhimanyu started their journey from the jungle camps to the Mysore Palace.

MYSURU DASARA
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Talking to media, Rohini said she flagged off the event symbolically following directions from the State Government to celebrate Dasara-2020 in a simple manner.

In the wake of spurt in Corona positive cases, the inauguration was left to only officials.

As a precautionary measure, no cultural troupe was allowed this time. "We have prayed Goddess Chamundeshwari, the presiding deity of Mysuru, for peaceful conduct of Dasara in view of the pandemic," she said.

Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF) and Project Tiger Director Jagat Ram, Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) T. Heeralal, Chief Executive Officer of Mysuru Zilla Panchayat D. Bharathi, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCFs) Alexander, Mahesh Kumar and Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, Hunsur Assistant Commissioner Veena, Tahsildar Basavaraj, Deputy Superintendent of Police Sundarraj, Circle Inspector Poovaiah and others were present.

Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 row

MCC Commissioner orders issuance of documents to property owners of Siddarthanagar, K.C. and J.C. Nagar

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Residents of Siddarthanagar, K.C. Nagar and J.C. Nagar in Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4 and Alanahalli Survey No. 41, who have been fighting relentlessly since many years to get their property documents, can now heave a sigh of relief. The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner has ordered issuance of documents such as khata, building licence and tax stipulation to the property owners of the above localities.

These layouts, spread over 354.29 ½ acre — Siddarthanagar - 205.09 ½ acre, K.C. Layout - 105 acre and J.C. Nagar - 44.20 acre — were classified as B-Kharab land and declassified recently. Following this, the MCC Commissioner, on Sept. 28, 2020, ordered the issuance of property documents with a few conditions.

The conditions in the order are: to adhere to the judgements of Court, adhere to the orders by Revenue, Urban Development Departments and also orders from the Office of the Deputy Commissioner.

The MCC Commissioner has also stated that the Corporation has all right to cancel the khata and revenue documents in case Court issues such orders or if it creates legal problems.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	564
Total positive cases	:	34,518
Discharges yesterday	:	200
Total discharges	:	26,671
Deaths yesterday	:	06
Total deaths	:	737
Total active cases	:	7,110

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 1st October 2020

Theatre training at Rangayana

Mysuru, Oct.1 - The city's theatre repertory Rangayana will be conducting "Abhinaya Ranga Tarabethi", a 3-month Subbayya Naidu memorial amateur theatre training camp for enthusiastic youths from Oct.15.

Youths in the age group of 18 to 35 years are eligible for training. The admission is limited to 25 candidates. Classes will be held between 5.30 pm and 8.30 pm on all days. Admission fee is Rs. 5,000 for General category candidates and Rs.3,000 for SC/ST candidates. Those interested, can attend the direct interview to take place at Rangayana at 10.30 am on Oct.7. For more details, call Ph: 0821-2512639 or 2512629.

Selected for Gandhi Smriti Award

Mysuru, Oct.1 - Gandhian Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee has been chosen for Gandhi Smriti Award given by Amara Bapu Chintana Patrike, Bengaluru. The award will be conferred on him at a function on Oct. 5 at 10.30 am at Patrakartara Bhavan in city.

Amara Bapu Chintana is a bilingual-bimonthly magazine, striving to spread the message of Mahatma Gandhi to the people. On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Amara Bapu Chintana, in association with Pranava Media House Prakashana, has organised the function to present the award to Dr. Raghuram.

Deputy Director of Kannada and Culture H. Chennappa, Founder of DTS Foundation D.T. Prakash and former President of Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Maddikere Gopal will be the chief guests. Sub-editor of Amara Bapu Chintana Dr. Gururaj Poshettihalli will be present at the function, according to a press release.

Winners of Zoo Photography Contest

Mysuru, Oct. 1- The following are the winners of Wildlife Photography competition organised by Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) on Sept.29.

Wildlife Category: T.P. Varadanayaka, Bengaluru (First); Udaya Thejaswi Urs, Bengaluru (Second); H.S. Raghavendra Prasad, Bengaluru (Third); Chethan Rao Mane, Bengaluru, C. Ranganath, Bengaluru, G.S. Ravishankar, Mysuru, B. Pruthvi, Mysuru (All Certificates of Merit).

Zoo Category: B. Pruthvi, Mysuru (First); B.Umesh, Mysuru (Second); Naveen Kumar, Mysuru (Third); U. Keerthan Kumar, Mysuru, M. Shashank, Mysuru, L. Amit, Mysuru, G.S. Ravishankar, Mysuru (All Certificates of Merit).

The panel of judges comprising Dinesh Kumble and Balachandra assisted the Zoo in selecting winners of the photography contest. The prize-winning photos will be exhibited at the Zoo from Oct. 1 to 7. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2440752 or Mob: 96866-68099, according to a press release from Mysuru Zoo Executive Director.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

With the COVID-19 crisis stretching into months now, there is hardly any section of society that can claim to be untouched by the effects of this unfolding tragedy. Volunteers who made up the first wall of defence when the crisis began are among those now seeking relief. As it has with doctors, nurses and the medical safety workforce, the crisis has tested the limits of scores of volunteers who had taken the first tentative steps in April to become frontline Corona warriors. Emergencies and crises evoke far-reaching emotions in humankind and time and again, we have seen volunteers stepping up to save the unfortunate tsunami-struck victim or helping an injured stuck beneath a fallen building. However, in an experience as prolonged as the present crisis with few parallels in modern post-war history, the idea of volunteerism is up for change. As NGOs and agencies search for people who can spare their time to help the needy, perhaps it would be wise to spare a thought for these selfless people and consider providing material assistance to them as well, so that they can tide safely over the tough times along with the rest of us.

— Kunal Sharma in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman missing since 2 years found floating in sea

Puerto Colombia: A Colombian woman who went missing two years ago was found alive at sea on Saturday. Stunned fishermen spotted Angelica Gaitan floating off the coast of Colombia and the dramatic footage of her rescue has gone viral on social media.

The 46-year-old was discovered by fisherman Rolando Visbal and his friend. She was found around two kilometres away from the shore of Puerto Colombia at around 6 AM on Saturday.

Footage shared by Visbal on Facebook shows him and his friend pulling Ms Gaitan into the boat. She was exhausted and suffering from hypothermia after staying afloat for more than eight hours.

Other videos shared by her rescuers on Facebook show them offering water to her and helping her walk. Locals at the beach tended to Gaitan before she was taken to a hospital.

Swedish tattoo artist's statuesque masterpieces

Stockholm: mrT stucklife, a talented tattoo artist from Stockholm, Sweden, is getting a lot of attention online for his statuesque black-and-white tattoos.

The young Swedish tattooist has an impressive portfolio of black-and-white tattoos, from portraits of pop icons and famous movie scenes to original designs.

But it's his hyperrealistic statuesque tattoos that have been getting a lot of attention on social media platforms like Instagram. And for good reason, as his Greco-Roman art-inspired masterpieces sometimes look chiseled onto their wearers' bodies.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is it okay to exercise in the evening?

Some may find exercising in the evening troublesome due to the increased adrenaline and cortisol output, which can make falling asleep difficult. Try to allow three hours between exercise and bed time.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	244
Total positive cases	:	11,045
Total discharges	:	8,850
Total deaths	:	104
Total active cases	:	2,091

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	50
Total positive cases	:	4,046
Total discharges	:	3,087
Total deaths	:	77
Total active cases	:	871

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	96
Total positive cases	:	2,745
Total discharges	:	2,174
Total deaths	:	36
Total active cases	:	535

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	446
Total positive cases	:	16,865
Total discharges	:	13,033
Total deaths	:	295
Total active cases	:	3,537

Really...?

- *A hippo can open its mouth wide enough to fit a 4 foot tall child inside.*
- *Fifteen percent of the air you breathe in a metro station is human skin.*
- *A shark can detect one part of blood in 100 million parts of water.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher asked the students to tell the importance of the year 1809.
John stood up and said
"Abraham Lincoln was born."
Teacher again asked the students to tell the importance of another year 1819.
Sam suddenly stood up and said
"Abraham Lincoln was ten years old"!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.42
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.00
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.99
1 Euro	= Rs. 86.31

VOICE OF THE READER

Dormitory facility at Cheluvamba Hospital: A suggestion

Sir,

The front page headline ***"No Dormitory for Patients' attendants at Cheluvamba Hospital"*** was indeed a sad reading (*SOM* dated Sept.19).

The appalling condition of those who happened to be nearby villagers accompanying the pregnant women (for delivery) is pathetic.

On behalf of the welfare of the general public, I request individuals, business houses, corporates or NGOs (like Lions and Rotary) to come forward to run a dormitory, by taking a hall on rent, in nearby area or a little away with transport facilities, on "No Profit, No Loss" basis on humanitarian grounds. Hope my request will be considered in the larger interest of public as winter is fast approaching.

—G. Rahmathullah
Rajivnagar
23.9.2020

Life-size sculpture of celebrated cartoon character

'Common Man' installed at Mysuru Rail Museum

Mysuru, Oct. 1- A man with a checked coat and bemused expression is in the Mysuru Rail Museum these days. He is none other than the much loved and closely followed cartoon character 'Common Man' created and immortalised by the illustrious cartoonist R.K. Laxman. The character is deeply etched in the minds of people of all ages.

South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has installed a life-size sculpture of the celebrated cartoon character in the precincts of Rail Museum that was opened to visitors recently after renovation.

Railways in India reflects the hopes and aspirations of common man. Installing this iconic character is a way of celebrating Railway's connect with the common man, said Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager, SWR, Mysuru Division.

The legendary R.K. Laxman was born in Mysuru and graduated from the University of Mysore. The character of 'common man' appeared for the first time in the year 1951. This also coincides with the journey of Railways in Independent India. This is a small tribute to the creative genius of the illustrator who hails from this cultural city, she said.

This statue was sculpted by city sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who has done complete justice to the creation, the DRM added.

It may be recalled, 'Life Is A Journey' statuary that adorns Mysuru City Railway Station portico was also created by Yogiraj as part of SWR, Mysuru Division's redevelopment works. The statuary, which is a set of six sculptures, was modelled on actual Railway passengers.

'Chandamama' artist K.C. Sivasankar passes away in Chennai at 97

He was best known for illustrating 'Vikram-Betal' series

Chennai, Oct. 1 (Agencies)- Legendary artist K.C. Sivasankar, known for illustrating for children's magazine *Chandamama*, also known as Ambulimama, passed away at his residence in Chennai on Sept. 29. He was 97.

Sivasankar, who has contributed to the field of art for over 60 years, was best known for illustrating the 'Vikram-Betal' series.

At the time of his passing, Sivasankar was the last of the original *Chandamama* team.

Sivasankar was born in 1924 at a village in Erode and developed an early passion for art. In 1934, he moved to Chennai along with his mother and siblings where he would be discovered for his talents by his drawing teacher at school.

Sharing an interesting anecdote about his admission to a 5-year art course at the reputed School of Arts, Sivasankar, in an interview to *The Hindu* says he astounded Principal D.P. Roy Chowdhury with a brush technique that came naturally to him. When the Principal asked him where he had learnt it, Sivasankar says he kept quiet. "It is best to keep quiet at such moments. He straightaway admitted me to the second year," he had laughed to the interviewer.

Sivasankar was hired by Nagi Reddi in 1952 and he created the legendary sword wielding King Vikram carrying the Vetala corpse slung across his shoulder around the sixties. Sivasankar, who continued illustrating well into his 80s, has shared in interviews that Nagi Reddy used to remark that "Chithra (another artist) and Sankar are the two bullocks of Chandamama."

Chandamama, a periodical magazine for children originally in Telugu, was founded by filmmakers B. Nagi Reddi and Chakrapani in 1947. The magazine reached far and wide, being published in 13 Indian languages.

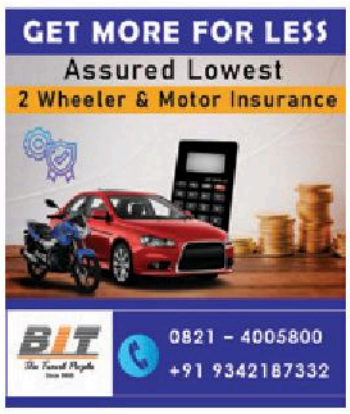
In 2007, 60 years after it was first published, the magazine was acquired by Geodesic, a Mumbai-based software services provider company, with an intent to digitise its content.

In 2013, *Chandamama* stopped publishing when the parent company ran into financial troubles following which in 2017, a volunteer driven effort began to revive and preserve the magazine for future generations.

Scholarship for ex-servicemen children

Mysuru, Oct. 1- The Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement has invited applications for scholarships to children of ex-servicemen who are domicile of Karnataka, for the year 2020-21. Children of ex-servicemen or their dependents, studying in first standard to final-year degree and diploma courses are eligible to apply.

Applications can be obtained from Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement and duly filled-in forms should be submitted before Oct. 15. For those studying in professional courses, the last date is Nov. 30. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2425240.



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APPOINTMENT NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from qualified and eligible candidates for the following post. The post is purely temporary.

Post Vacant (Designation)	No.of Post	Eligibility	Institution
Accounts Manager	01	1. B.Com / BBM Graduate. 2. Knowledge of Tally with ERP is must. 3. Experience will be added qualification. 4. Retired person from Educational Institution/ University with accounts knowledge is preferred.	SBRR Mahajana First Grade College
Biology Teacher	01	1. B.Sc., (CBZ), B.Ed., 2. Experience will be added qualification. 3. Retired person can also apply	Mahajana High School

Application along with supporting documents, resumes should send to **the Hon. Secretary, Mahajana Education Society, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru-570012** or send via email to **mes@mahajana.edu.in** so as to reach on or before **10.10.2020.** After the due date applications will not be considered.

For any clarification you may please contact Ph.: **0821-2511921/ 2512065**

Sd/- (Sri. T. Muralidhar Bhagavat)
President

Sd/- (Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar)
Hon. Secretary

NEWS BRIEFS

International Day of Non-Violence

Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri, has organised a programme at Gandhi Bhavan to mark the International Day of Non-Violence as part of the 152nd Gandhi Jayanti, on Oct. 2 at 10.30 am. Gandhian H.N. Channabasappa will inaugurate the event. Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar will preside. Retd. Professor and cultural thinker Prof. C. Naganna will be the chief guest. University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and Gandhi Bhavan Director Prof. M.S. Shekar will be present, according to a release.

Calling women

Applications have been invited from women candidates to fill up one temporary post of Ayah (helper) at the Community Children's Centre in the newly built Central Library in the People's Park premises in city, on honorarium basis. SSLC-passed candidates in the age group of 18 to 35 years, may apply. Selected candidate will be paid an honorarium of Rs. 3,000 per month. The application form along with necessary documents should be sent to the Deputy Director, City Central Library, Sayyaji Rao Road, Mysuru, before Oct. 15. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2423678 or 2430343, according to a release.

Internal Assessment Marks announced

The University of Mysore has announced the Internal Assessment (IA) marks of the 6th semester degree exams (September 2020) on its website: www.uni-mysore.ac.in. If students find any discrepancies in their marks, can contact respective College Principals before Oct. 1, according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Yesterday	124.72 ft
Inflow	7,253 cusecs
Outflow	5,913 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,283.87 ft
Inflow	2,723 cusecs
Outflow	2,521 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.81 ft
Inflow	1,058 cusecs
Outflow	1,300 cusecs

Dasara Elephants Webinar Series

Taming captured rogue elephants in a month is our aim: Mahout Dobi

Elephants on their routine training at Dubare Elephant Camp this week.

Mahout Dobi

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (YDS&KS)- "Capturing rogue elephants which are causing problems at villages in forest borders and taming them in a month is the aim of mahouts," said Dasara elephant Kaveri's mahout Dobi.

He was speaking at the seventh webinar of the series titled 'Mysuru Dasara Aanegalu' organised by Forest Department, in association with Asian Elephant Support (AES), on Sept. 29.

Speaking about Dubare Elephant Camp and other Dasara elephants, mahout Dobi said that the captured rouge elephants are being tamed at the kraal in Dubare Elephant Camp. He further said that every mahout take the challenge of bringing the captured rouge elephant under their control in a month and added that every mahout take care of the elephants housed in the camp with love and affection.

Pointing out that Dasara elephant Kaveri was taking part in Dasara festivities since many years, he said that not a single untoward incident had taken place and added that Kaveri has gained the confidence and love of every one.

Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Ranjan, who also spoke, said that Dubare Elephant Camp began during the days of Britishers and is the oldest elephant camp. This elephant camp was being used to train elephants for wars earlier and added that now, Dubare Elephant Camp plays an important role in taming and training captured rogue elephants.

Pointing out that Dubare Elephant Camp is also a tourist spot, Ranjan said that tourists are being educated about elephants thus playing an important role in wildlife conservation.

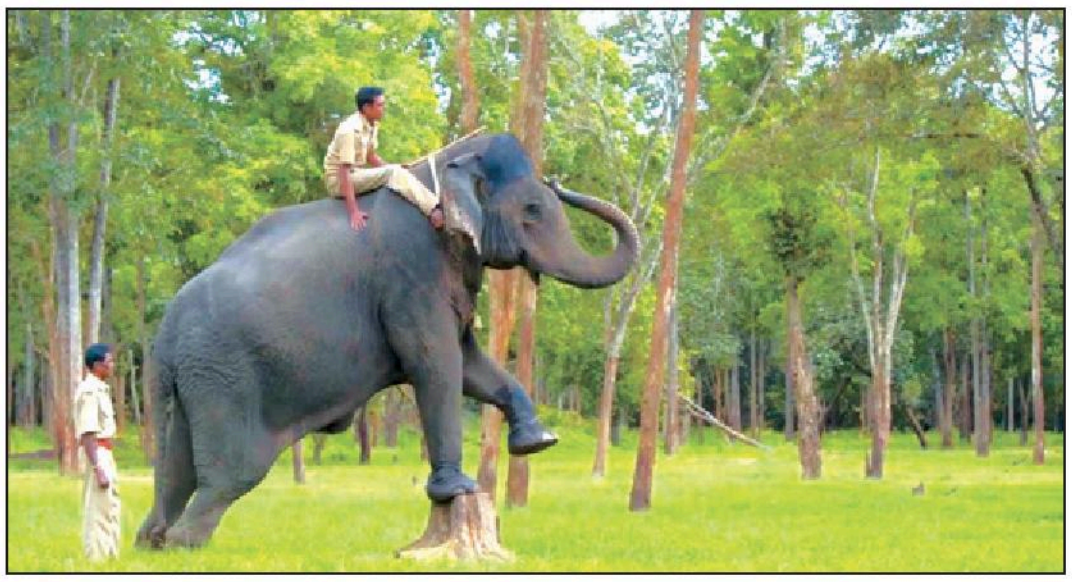
Range Forest Officer (RFO) Ananya Kumar, who too spoke, said that the role of youths play an important role in wildlife conservation and added that youths should join the Forest Department and become either IFS or KFS Officers.

Pointing out that the Forest Department was seeking the help of youths for elephant and tiger census and also to fight forest fires, Ananya Kumar urged the youths to serve the Forest Department as volunteers and help in wildlife conservation.

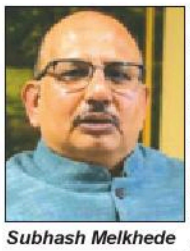
Nayaz Pasha, an elephant caretaker, spoke about training elephants to follow signals and instructions besides demonstrating the same.

A video clipping of the day-to-day activities of all 31 elephants at the camp including Dasara elephants Vikram, Harsha, Gopi, and Kaveri was shown on the occasion.

'Super Mom' Chaitra



Housed in Rampura Elephant Camp at Bandipur, Kumki elephant Chaitra, who has participated in Dasara many times, grabbed the attention of every one and was called a 'Super Mom' for her role in comforting her baby, which was shown in yesterday's webinar.



Subhash Melkhede

Chaitra, who participated as a Kumki elephant in 2018 'Jumboo Savari,' did not participate in 2019 as she was pregnant. She was not selected for this year's Dasara as she is taking care of her 8-month-old baby.

She is also called as the 'Super Mom' as she has given birth to 10 calves so far and has nursed them to perfection. She is mild in nature and listens to small children and women, according to Chaitra's Mahout Mahadevu.

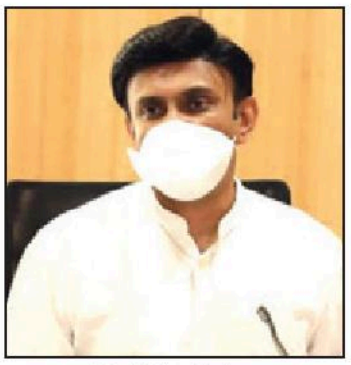
Earlier, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (APCCF - Wildlife Division) Subhash K. Melkhede provided information on Wildlife Protection Act and said that the Act was implemented for the conservation and protection of wildlife and to stop crimes.

Pointing out that the co-operation of public was very much needed to protect forests and stop crimes, the APCCF urged the public to inform the nearest Forest Office if they come across forest crimes and added that the Forest Department would not disclose the names of informers.

The Webinar Series, organised as part of 'Wildlife Week,' will conclude tomorrow (Oct. 2). Interested may log on to *https://tinyurl.com/y3ml394a* from 5.30 pm on Zoom App. Today, Veterinarian Dr. D.N. Nagaraj, will explain about Gajapayana and how Dasara elephants would be taken care at the Palace premises.

No mask? Keep
Rs.1,000 to pay fine

Bengaluru, Oct.1 (SSV)- In a bid to discipline citizens in the wake of record number of COVID-19 cases, the State Government has decided to hike the fine amount for not wearing face mask to Rs. 1,000 in urban areas and Rs.500 in rural areas.



Dr. K. Sudhakar

Making this announcement after chairing a high-level meeting with officers here yesterday, Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said the decision had been taken after careful consideration of recommendation by the senior officers. An official order on the penalties will be issued this evening, after discussing the same with Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa.

"Of late, people are showing negligence by not wearing masks. So, the fine has been hiked from Rs.200 to Rs.1,000. The penalty will be imposed on those who do not cover their noses and mouths with face masks. The fine will be imposed and collected by Police Stations in each area," he said.

Cap on people

The Minister said not more than 50 people will be allowed to attend social, religious, political gatherings as well as weddings and other cultural ceremonies. Actions will be initiated against the organisers or owner of the organisation if more people are found gathering. Markets, malls and other public places cannot have more than 5 people in a group. A distance of 6-feet must be maintained between the people in the group. If found violated, fine will be imposed on the owner of the organisation/ shop.

Dr. Sudhakar said that a special plan has been chalked out to raise awareness about COVID-19. Politicians, sports and film stars, religious leaders will be roped in to make short clips of videos. The pandemic can be contained further if members of social organisations, Lions Club, Rotary Club among others, join hands with the Government to create awareness among people.

Hotspots

A total of 15 districts in the State were recording more than 10 percent cases. A meeting via video conference was held with district administrations of Mysuru, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Tumakuru, Shivamogga and Koppala. Instructions were issued to the DCs, DHOs and other officials concerned to reduce the COVID-19 positive cases in the districts. A similar meeting will be held with the rest of the districts soon, he informed.

Other important decisions

• Buses (public transport) can operate with 50 per cent capacity. Conductors will be instructed to allow only those with masks into the buses.

• All government employees must wear masks. They will not be allowed to enter the office if they are found without their masks. This will be followed strictly in all Government Offices.

Students, don't visit Schools, Colleges till Oct. 15

Bengaluru, Oct. 1 (SSV)- With no signs of COVID-19 coming under check, the Department of Public Instruction has directed High School and PU students not to visit their respective Government, aided/ unaided and private Schools and Colleges till Oct. 15.

In a press release here, Commissioner of Department of Public Instruction has said the Union Home Ministry in its guidelines issued on Aug. 29 had permitted the students of 9th standard to 12th standard to visit their institutions from Sept. 21 for clarifications on subjects.

Accordingly, the State Government had issued a circular depending upon the Government of India directive.

But, after studying prevailing situation, it was found that it was not safe for the students to visit their Schools and Colleges.

So, the Department has advised students against going to their educational institutions till Oct. 15.

Fresh date will be announced only after reviewing COVID-19 situation, he said.

Retired Police Officer among
two persons missing from city

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (KS)- In separate incidents, a retired Police officer and a woman have gone missing from city.

In the first incident, a 26-year-old woman, who left for work to a garment factory on Sept. 25, has since gone missing. The missing woman is M. Doddamma, wife of B. Rajendra and a resident of Kamatageri in Nazarbad.

M. Doddamma

Cheluvaraju

According to the complaint lodged by her husband Rajendra with Nazarbad Police, Doddamma left for work on Sept. 25 morning and did not return even after night. When he went to the garment factory and enquired about Doddamma, he came to know that she had not gone to work since Sept. 22 and even her cell phone was switched off.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418308 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

In the second incident, a retired KSRP Police Officer, who left his house on Sept. 13 at about 7 am, saying that he was going to K.R. Hospital for a COVID test, has since gone missing.

The missing retired Police Officer is 61-year-old Cheluvaraju, a resident of Siddappaji Temple Road at Naganahalli in the taluk.

Those having any information about the missing person, may contact V.V. Puram Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418314/ 514 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to a press release.

Furnish details or face action; private hospitals warned

Bengaluru, Oct. 1 (SSV)- Dr. Om Prakash Patil, Director, Health and Family Welfare Services, has directed all the private healthcare establishments to update all COVID-19 related details in facility App, failing which punitive action against the defaulting institutions.

In a press release here, he has said this order has been issued under the various clauses and sections of Epidemic Disease Ordinance of Karnataka 2020.

It has been observed that the private sector was not updating details in facility App on regular and timely basis with quality and complete data causing lot of hardships.

This has delayed in computing total data harvest for planning and implementing the screening, referral, treat and follow-up of the patients.

Dr. Patil said the private sector with exception of few misdemeanour has been actively cooperating with the government in admissions and clinical case management of COVID-19 patients. But as the regular data availability is as critical as ICU case management in order to plan, project predict, prepare, procure, provide timely HR and logistics both in the field and facility to prevent the morbidity and mortality among the people due the pandemic.

Balele Kodava Samaja opposes
Kodava attire in inter-caste marriages

Gonikoppa, Oct.1- A bridegroom cannot wear the traditional Kodava attire in the marriage if a Kodava woman marries a man belonging to a caste other than a Kodava, said Balele Kodava Samaja President Malachira Bose Chittiappa.

He said that a resolution in this regard has been passed during the recently held meeting of the Samaja at Balele.

"Also, the man who is into an intercaste marriage, cannot hold the *Gejje Tand* nor wear the *Kupya-chele, Peeche-kathi* and *Mande-thuni*. Such practices, which dilute the sanctity of Kodava tradition, will not be appreciated," he said and added that the Samaja will not rent its hall for such weddings.

Obituary

P.B. Shiva Prakash Murthy

Mysuru, Oct. 1- P.B. Shiva Prakash Murthy (52), son of Balappa and a resident of Vijayanagar, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

He leaves behind his father, wife, a daughter, a son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Pandithahalli at Malavalli taluk in Mandya district this afternoon.

Gowramma

Gowramma (70), a resident of K.G. Koppal, passed away last night in city.

She leaves behind two sons and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at K.G. Koppal Burial Grounds this noon.

Alhaj Nisar Ahmed

Alhaj Nisar Ahmed (87) of 808 Soap Agencies and a resident of Eidgah Doodpeer Makan here, passed away on Sept. 29 at his residence. He leaves behind his wife, three sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held at Eidgah Masjid, followed by the burial at the old Muslim Burial Grounds.

Abdul Majid

Abdul Majid (76), retired Office Superintendent of IISc., Bengaluru and a resident of Rajivnagar, passed away on Sept. 28 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held on Sept. 28 followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Shankar

Shankar (40), a resident of Chamundeshwari Temple Street at Gandhinagar, passed away on Tuesday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Ashwini, children Shreyas and Preyash and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Adijambhava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar on Wednesday.

S.V. Radhamma

S.V. Radhamma, wife of late Dr. S.R. Venkatachar and a resident of Tonachikoppal, passed away on Tuesday in city.

She leaves behind a son, five daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed in city.

Sri Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery opens for public-viewing

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (PM&BNR)- Sri Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery, housed inside Jaganmohan Palace in city, opened for public-viewing this morning.

The renovated and refurbished Art Gallery, which was dedicated to public on July 18 last year, was closed this year following Corona crisis since March 17.

The Gallery will now be open to public from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm everyday except on Monday, which is a weekly holiday. The tickets are priced at Rs. 60 for adults and Rs. 30 for children below 12 years.

As a precautionary measure to contain the spread of pandemic, wearing of mask has been made mandatory for visitors and thermal screening will be done at the entrance apart from providing hand-sanitiser.

No Audio Guides

Earlier, Audio Guides were provided to take the visitors through various collections housed in the Gallery that has hundreds of artefacts of Wadiyar dynasty.

However, as a safety measure amid COVID-19, the Audio Guides facility is being withdrawn at the Gallery as these Audio Guides, available in Kannada, English and Hindi languages, were meant to change hands of visitors as it was a device given on refundable deposit.

Visitors had to deposit Rs.2,000 or $40 or Euro 40 per device and it was refunded once the device was returned safely.

Medical experts urge Govt. not to relax rules for Mysuru Dasara

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Health experts, Task Force members and senior officials have advised the State Government not to relax any rules for the upcoming Dasara festival keeping in view the spike in COVID-19 cases.

"There is every possibility of Mysuru city and district going Kerala way where the Coronavirus cases exploded due to relaxation of rules during *Onam* festival. In the interest of citizens, do not allow large gathering of people at any venue during Dasara-2020 which will begin from Oct. 17. Medical infrastructure is already crumbling in Mysuru district and it may become impossible for the authorities concerned to handle increased number of COVID patients," an Officer, who was present at the Task Force Committee meeting in Bengaluru, told *Star of Mysore*.

According to him, Mysuru Dasara celebration issue came up for discussion in two meetings. The Medical experts, Task Force members and Officers above the rank of Additional Chief Secretaries strongly opposed the special permission sought to allow 2,000 persons inside Mysore Palace to witness *Jumboo Savari* procession, 1,500 persons at Palace to witness cultural programmes daily and 250 persons atop Chamundi Hill to be part of inauguration programme.

Allowing this much of people at different venues is like inviting a big trouble. It is better to restrict the total number to less than 100 persons as per new guidelines issued by the State Government for all religious, political or other functions, and not in thousands as mooted by local leaders, he said.

He said they expressed their grave concern over daily increase in Corona positive cases and casualties in Mysuru district that was in green zone for almost two months, thanks to strict vigilance by the district administration. However, things went out of control after the announcement of series of unlocks by the State Government.

As a result, now Mysuru stands second in the State only after Bengaluru in reporting the maximum number of Corona positive cases and deaths. This has become one of the hotspots in the State with the galloping number of COVID-19 cases, he observed.

Besides, the district is sandwiched between two States — Kerala and Tamil Nadu — and there is free passage of people with no restriction. Since a majority of tourists coming to Mysuru Dasara is from these two States, the Corona explosion cannot be ruled out during Dasara festival.

The Officer said Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar was apprised with facts and figures on possible danger in store if immediate steps were not taken to check the spreading of pandemic. Since Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has already decided to hold this year's Dasara in a simple manner, it will be better to cap the capacity to the maximum 100 persons in the interest of public health.

The Minister was requested to bring this to the notice of the CM before or after the Cabinet meeting this morning to reject the special permission for more audience during Dasara.

"Let the district administration illuminate the whole city but restrict the number to only 100," the experts said.

It may be mentioned here that District Minister S.T. Somashekar had told *SOM* that the State Government has requested the Government of India to give special permission to allow 2,000 persons inside Mysore Palace on *Vijayadashami Day* to witness the procession and 1,500 persons at Palace to witness cultural programmes daily.

CENTRAL GUIDELINES ON CONGREGATION

Social, academic, sports, entertainment, cultural, religious, political functions and other congregations have already been permitted with a ceiling of 100 persons, outside Containment Zones only. Now State and UT Governments have been given the flexibility to permit such gatherings beyond the limit of 100 persons, outside Containment Zones, after October 15, which will be subject to certain conditions prescribed in the guidelines. A detailed SOP will be issued to regulate such gatherings and should strictly enforce the same.

STATE GOVERNMENT'S ORDER

Not more than 50 persons will be allowed to attend social, religious and political gathering as well as wedding and other cultural events. Action will be initiated against the organisers or owner of the organisation if more people are found gathering at the event.

Centre allows re-opening of cinemas, multiplexes from Oct. 15

New Delhi, Oct.1 - After nearly seven months of lockdown owing to COVID-19, the Union Home Ministry has allowed re-opening of cinemas, theatres and multiplexes outside the Containment Zones with up to 50 per cent of their seating capacity from Oct. 15.

In a letter to Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, Ajay Bhalla, Home Secretary, Government of India, said Entertainment Parks and similar places, Business to Business (B2B) Exhibitions, Swimming Pools being used for training of sportspersons, will be allowed to re-open only after issuing Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) by Departments concerned.

In regard to re-opening of schools and coaching institutions, he said State and UT Governments have been given the flexibility to take a decision after Oct. 15, in a graded manner. The decision should be taken in consultation with the respective school or institution management, based on their assessment of the situation, and subject to certain conditions mentioned in the aforesaid guidelines. Schools, which are allowed to open, will have to mandatorily follow the SOP

regarding health and safety precautions to be issued by Education Department.

Higher Education

Bhalla said Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, can take a decision on the timing of the opening of College, Higher Education Institutions, in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), based on the assessment of the situation. Online and distance learning should continue to be the preferred mode of teaching and shall be encouraged. However, Higher Education Institutions only for research scholars (Ph.D) and post-graduate students in Science and Technology stream requiring laboratory and experimental works will be permitted to open from Oct. 15. For such Centrally-funded Higher Education Institutions, the Head of the Institution will take a decision. For all other such Higher Education Institutions — State Universities, Private Universities etc. — they may open as per decision to be taken by the respective State or UT Governments.

Lukewarm response in city

Mysuru, Oct. 1 (RK&SSV)- Unlock 5.0 guidelines announced by Union Home Ministry allowing re-opening of cinema halls have no takers in the city.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mysuru City Film Exhibitors' Association Vice-President Rajaram said the relaxation is not going to benefit their fraternity as no new films are shot in the last seven months.

He said following SOP will be a costly affair as they have to sanitise the entire hall after every show. With allowing only 50 per cent of the capacity, revenue will be very negligible. Instead of too much restriction, it will be better to keep the theatres closed for some more time till the situation becomes normal.

However, C.R. Hanumanth of DRC Cinemas opined that re-opening may be beneficial for them as people who were bored at home may come to see even old movies.

Former DC Sharat moves CAT; questions 'untimely' transfer

Bengaluru, Oct. 1 (SSV)- Recently-transferred Mysuru Deputy Commissioner B. Sharat has moved Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) contending that the State Government has transferred him within a month of working without citing reasons.

B. Sharat

This decision of Sharat has embarrassed the State Government as it had not expected the IAS Officer to move the CAT questioning transfer order. A notice has been served on the Government and posted the case to Oct. 6 for next hearing.

Meanwhile, new DC Rohini Sindhuri took charge on Tuesday last. If Tribunal stays the transfer order, there is every possibility of Sharat assuming the charge again. Post Sharat transfer, a number of organisations are holding protests in the city for targeting an officer belonged to the Bhovi community. They had slammed the State Government for transferring him within a month after reporting to duty. Sharat was transferred as Mysuru DC in last week of August from Kalaburagi, and was shifted to Karnataka Silk Marketing Board as Managing Director within a month.

Kalaatma 2020: Online Music Concerts from tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Dhruv Arts presents 'Kalaatma 2020,' an eclectic series of concerts featuring eminent Indian Classical Musicians celebrating the charm and vigour of monsoon season from Oct. 2 to 4.

The festival aims to bring together the artist community and invoke positivity and hope amidst the ongoing crisis. The line-up includes senior artistes and also provides a platform for up and coming artistes.

The event will be streamed live on YouTube Channel: *https://www.youtube.com/user/DhruvArtsFestival*

Oct. 2 - 10.30 pm: Nadaswara Recital by Bangalore B.S. Ramesh Babu and B. Srinivas. Thavil by Ragu and Manjunath.

Oct. 3 - 8.30 pm: Talk and presentation on monsoon ragas in Karnatak music by Dr. T.S. Sathyavathi and disciples with Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth on violin and Renuka Prasad on mridanga; **10 pm:** 'Rain,' an instrumental solo depiction by Shadrach Solomon on keyboards/ piano; **10.45 pm:** Monsoon Raga Special North Indian Classical Harmonium Recital by Ravindra Katoti with Tejas Katoti on harmonium and Gurumurthy Vaidhya on tabla.

Oct. 4 - 7 pm: Karnatak Veena Recital by Aishwarya Manikarnika with Rakshith Sharma on mridanga; **8 pm:** Karnatak Violin Recital by Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth with Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vyasa Vittala on kanjira; **9.30 pm:** Talk by Srikanth Sharma on 'Effectiveness in the propagation of Indian Classical Music in the 21st Century'; **10.30 pm:** Music Concert by Dr. Hamsini Nagendra with Mathoor Srinidhi H.S. Sudhindra on mridanga and A.S.N. Swamy on kanjira, according to a press release.

Another Big Con !

City stockbroker allegedly cheats people across Mysuru, Hassan and Kodagu for over Rs. 50 crore

- Complaints filed in Mysuru
- Broker's expensive cars missing from the garage

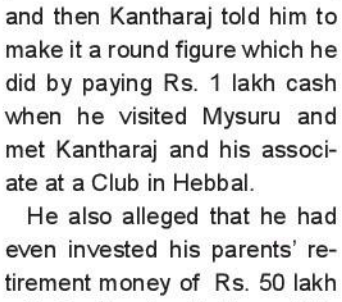
Mysuru, Oct. 1 (RK&KS)- Close on the heels of city businessmen being cheated to the tune of over Rs. 25 crore by a group of stockbrokers, another case of a man claiming to be a stockbroker, cheating people of more than Rs. 50 crore across three districts, has been reported in city.

One of the victims, 47-year-old C.H. Nagesh of Hassan has lodged a complaint at V.V. Puram Police Station in city against one Kantharaj of SBN Enterprises on Contour Road in Gokulam 3rd Stage and resident of an apartment complex in Yadavagiri, of cheating him of over Rs. 4 core!

According to the complaint lodged by Nagesh on Sept. 19 at V.V. Puram Police Station, accused Kantharaj, who was his college mate, had visited him last year at his home in Hassan and told him that he was running SBN Enterprises, a stockbrokerage firm. He then told him that his company, SBM Enterprises was doing very well with Mysuru's top businessmen being his clients and that he should invest with him too.

Nagesh has further stated in his complaint that after believing Kantharaj, he invested Rs. 2 crore in Sept. 2019 and again another Rs. 2 crore in May 2010. He says, he had transferred the first payment of Rs. 1.55 crore through RTGS to the bank account of Kantharaj and gave the next payment of Rs. 2.45 crore in cash.

Nagesh in his complaint has alleged that when he asked Kantharaj for the dividend money for his Rs. 4 crore investment, he (Kantharaj) began to give excuses by saying that his company was running under loss and he would pay



the money in the coming days but not a rupee was received.

Nagesh knew he was duped when Kantharaj's phone stopped working. Frustrated and worried, Nagesh came to Mysuru to Kantharaj's Office in Gokulam, only to find it shut. Following this, Nagesh lodged a complaint against Kantharaj, Usha Kantharaj, Shravanth Kantharaj and Madhu (driver) at V.V. Puram Police Station on Sept. 19.

Meanwhile, a victim from Kodagu called *SOM* this morning, saying that he too was duped by Kantharaj and his associate. He says he had paid Rs. 44 lakh in two cheques (Rs. 35 lakh and Rs. 9 lakh) and then Kantharaj told him to make it a round figure which he did by paying Rs. 1 lakh cash when he visited Mysuru and met Kantharaj and his associate at a Club in Hebbal.

He also alleged that he had even invested his parents' retirement money of Rs. 50 lakh with Kantharaj, which he paid in cash to Kantharaj's associate.

When asked what proof he had of having paid Rs. 50 lakh cash, he said that he does not have any legal documentation like many other investors, but has *WhatsApp* conversation pertaining to the transaction.

Most investors say the *modus operandi* of Kantharaj and his associates was simple — take high-end cars, impress people, promise them that they too can lead a similar luxurious life and convince them to invest to get high returns.

Sources in Mysuru finance circles say that many people are not coming forward to lodge complaints as they have paid in cash. It is also said that it is not just Kantharaj alone who is responsible but also his associates. They say these associates have not gone absconding because they have put the blame on Kantharaj and made him the face of the con.

It is also said that many doctors and businessmen in city and members of various reputed Clubs have been duped.

Meanwhile, the expensive cars have gone missing from the parking lot of the apartment where Kantharaj was staying!

It is said some investors have taken away Kantharaj's expensive cars ranging from Lamborghini to Benz as they feared that a Police complaint means these cars will be seized, which means they cannot be sold.

For now, V.V. Puram Inspector L. Arun, who has registered a case under IPC Section 46 and 420, read with 34, is investigating the case while also launching a hunt to nab the accused Kantharaj.

Also, his associates have not been made a party yet as their names are not in the complaint.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

Sudha Murty donates Rs.20 lakh to Zoo again

Mysuru, Oct. 1- Sudha Murty, Chairperson, Infosys Foundation, has donated Rs. 20 lakh on Sept. 25 for upkeep of animals of Mysuru Zoo for the second time. This amount is in addition to the earlier donation of Rs. 20 lakh on May 11, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Aadhaar Kendras closed tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 1- The Aadhaar Seva Kendras in city will remain closed tomorrow on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanthi, according to Col. N.G. Krishna Prasad (Retd.), Centre Manager.

Youth Hostel, Mysore

Office of the Manager, Gangothri Layout, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India

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Applications from eligible candidates are invited for the post of MANAGER of Youth Hostel, Mysore, established by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Govt., of India

1) **Educational Qualification** - Graduates of any stream from a recognized University Applicants should have proficiency in Kannada, Hindi and English. Candidates with Hotel Management / MBA / Youth Development / LSW / MSW degree will be given preference.

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3) **Local candidates will be given preference.**

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The interested candidates may download the application form from our website **www.yhmysore.com** and submit along with the copies of all necessary documents in triplicate (with soft copy) on or before **15.10.2020** to this Office. **Contact : 0821-2544704.**

Sd/- Additional Deputy Commissioner and Chairman

Decoding Mythology

Dr. Devdutt Pattanaik - Author, Speaker, Illustrator, Mythologist

Born of Brahma's hair

Plants play a key role in Hindu mythology. Plants are seen as sacred, sometimes deities by themselves, and sometimes as key offerings in a ritual. It all starts with the veneration of Soma, a mysterious hallucinogenic herb, referred to in the Rig Veda that is simultaneously a plant and a God. The herb is crushed and its juice filtered in an elaborate ritual designed to invoke and appease Indra, the chief Vedic God, via Agni, or fire. In the Atharva Veda, additionally, we find a veneration of darba grass, bhang and yava, which could mean barley or rice. Today, 3,000 years later, rice and darba grass are still part of Hindu ritual, revealing continuity. We don't know still what Soma was, and why Bhang (or Cannabis Indica), offered to Shiva and Balarama in temple rituals and during certain festivals, is shunned in mainstream.

The Vedic Aranyani, Goddess of the forest, is today still worshipped in rural India as Vana-devi, or Vana-chandi, or as Bon-bibi in Sunderbans, revealing the close association of plants with the Goddess. In art, one of the most popular fertility images involves a woman holding the branch of a sal or Ashoka tree. This is the salabhanjika, or the woman holding a branch of a tree. This was the position held by Buddha's mother when she gave birth to him. Thus, trees were sacred to Buddhists too. Buddha attained wisdom under the pipal tree, Mahavira under the sal tree. The Rayan berry is sacred to Rishabha, the first Tirthankar of this age. Hindu monks are often seen under the banyan or vat tree. Vishnu is visualised as a baby floating on the leaf of the vata tree. In the *Bhagavad Gita,* Krishna associates himself to this tree. This tree, that grows near crematoriums, is also linked to ghosts and tree spirits.

During Navaratri, Durga is seen as Shakambari, the mother of all vegetation. The nine forms of the Goddess worshipped during the nine days are actually nine plants with various medicinal properties and rich in starch. The nine plants (nava-patrika) include: banana, turmeric, pomegranate, bilva, rice, ashoka, (almost extinct) jayanti, arum (yam) and taro (arvi). The nine plants are tied up using the aparijita vine, whose flowers resemble the female genitalia. They are worshipped as Kola Bau, or the lady of the house. Some see Kola Bau as Ganesha's mother and others as Ganesha's spouse. On Dussehra Day, in Maharashtra, people distribute sona (apta) leaves because they resemble gold coins and so indicate prosperity. It's a medicinal plant with multiple uses. Its leaf is also used for producing beedi, the traditional Indian cigarette. Earlier, people smoked the leaf for curing a cough, but, later, when tobacco came to India, the leaf was used to wrap tobacco, which made it an addictive and carcinogenic smoke.

Speaking of Ganesha: Traditionally, his worship that preceded Durga's worship, involved the offerings of 21 plants (patra-puja): shami, bhringi, bilva, durva, ber, datura, tulsi, sem, apamarga, bhatakataiya, sindoor, tej, agastya, kaner, kadali, arka, arjun, devdar, gandari, marua, and ketaki. Most of these are medicinal plants, some rather toxic. Today, no worship of a deity is complete without use of coconut or betel leaves and areca nuts. In South India, there are sacred groves full of sandalwood, tamarind and neem linked to snakes and Goddesses, and protected. All this reveals the great value given to vegetation in ancient India. They were seen as the first forms of the divine, born of Brahma's hair.

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Award presentation marks Engineers and Teachers' Day

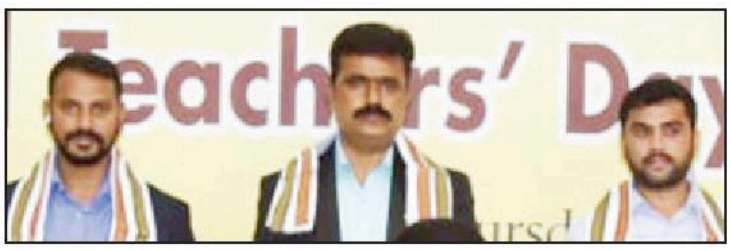
The awardees** — (sitting from left) **Dr. G.S. Suresh, retired Dean & Professor, NIE, Mysuru and M.K. Venkataram, former Technical Advisor to Chief Minister of Karnataka — are seen with** (standing from left) **BAI Mysore Centre Hon. Secretary Nagaraj V. Bairy, former Vice-Chancellor of UoM & KSOU Prof. K.S. Rangappa, BAI State Chairman U.M. Gurushanthappa and BAI Mysore Centre Chairman M. Rathnaraj.

Mysuru, Oct.1- Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, had organised a programme at a private hotel in city recently to mark Engineers' Day and Teachers' Day celebration.

U.M. Gurushanthappa, State Chairman, BAI Karnataka, was the guest of honour. Prof. K.S. Rangappa, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM) and Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru, was the chief guest.

On the occasion, 'Engineer Par Excellence Award' was presented to M.K. Venkataram, former Technical Advisor to Chief Minister of Karnataka and 'The Teacher Extraordinaire Award' was conferred on Dr. G.S. Suresh, retired Dean & Professor, NIE, Mysuru.

S.R. Swamy, former State Chairman, BAI Karnataka, read the scroll of honour and introduced M.K. Venkataram to the audience; V. Srinath, Joint Secretary, BAI Mysore Centre, introduced Dr. G.S. Suresh to the audience and H.S. Deepak, Member, BAI Mysore Centre, read the scroll of honour.



New members inducted to BAI Mysore Centre** — (from left) **S. Basave Gowda, L. Suresh and P. Srinivasa.

Also, three new Members — S. Basavegowda, MD, SMPA Constructions Pvt. Ltd., P. Sirnivasa, MD, Nammane Constructions Pvt. Ltd. and L. Suresh, Proprietor, Puneeth Consultants, Civil Engineer & Contractor — were inducted by U.M. Gurushanthappa, BAI State Chairman. They were introduced by K. Subramanya Rao, Membership Committee Chairman. On this occasion, BAI monthly magazine 'Mysuru Shilpi' was released by the guest of honour.

MyBuild 20 Virtual Expo: For the first time, BAI Mysore Centre is conducting 'The MyBuild 20 Virtual Expo' which was introduced by MyBuild 2020 Chairman P. Puttaswamy and the teaser was released by the chief guest. A presentation was given by event sponsor — Srinidhi Group, Mysuru.

Bhoomi Divakar rendered the invocation. BAI Mysore Centre Chairman M. Rathnaraj welcomed the gathering. BAI Mysore Centre Hon. Secretary Nagaraj V. Bairy proposed a vote of thanks. BAI Mysore Centre Members M.V. Vinod Kumar and Udai S. Kumar were the Masters of the Ceremony, according to a press release.

Hindi Pakhwada: Prizes distributed

Mysuru, Oct.1- Hindi Pakhwada (Hindi Fortnight) celebrations organised by South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division concluded with an impressive technical seminar, quiz and prize distribution function at the Office of Divisional Railway Manager in city recently.

Various Hindi literary events and competitions in extempore speech, debate, essay writing, poetry, quiz were organised for the employees during the fortnight-long celebrations.

Aparna Garg, Divisional Railway Manager, who was the chief guest at valedictory function, distributed prizes with mementoes and certificates to the winners of various events. Ayush Pandey, Raj Bhasha Adhikari, presided. The function began with Technical Seminar on Linke Hofman Busch versus ICF coaches presented by S.S. Lodhi, Coaching Depot Officer, Mysuru.

TRIBUTE

SPB, a gentle giant

A file photo of Dr. S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) performing at 'Swaraanubhuthi,' a musical evening organised under the auspices of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Convention Hall here on Feb. 9, 2020.

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

A legend of music is no more. I really do not know if there is any other adjective to describe someone who has 40,000-plus songs in 14 languages to his credit. Many of these songs were sung free to help a friend in distress too.

The pandemic, which is now spread across our country, has taken its toll. The only saving grace, S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) was declared Corona-free before his actual demise, hence his relations, friends and his thousands of admirers/ fans could have a *darshan* of this great singing maestro.

When a movie becomes a hit, the hero and the heroine normally get all the credit, but it is a fact that many a movies have become immortal because of the music in those movies and, of course, the golden voice of SPB or Balu as called by his peers and close friends. Somehow SPB had a special place in his heart for Kannada and has mentioned it several times in his talk shows and interviews. Most of his songs in Kannada incidentally were hit songs and as time progressed, he developed a knack of changing his voice subtly to suit a particular actor. If one recollects, in the sixties there were hardly any playback singers in the market and one T.M. Soundararajan (TMS) used to sing both for the Tamil idols Shivaji Ganesan and M.G. Ramachandran (MGR). As soon as one heard the song, one would know that it was a Shivaji or MGR song. Subtle changes. SPB also developed this trait as he sang for scores of heroes in so many languages.

Today my *WhatsApp* was full of special songs sent by his admirers and fans. One such video caught my eye. His doing a *pada seva* to his senior, another legendary singer K.J. Yesudas, whom he respected. It is said that he pulled up the organiser of an event for putting his name in front of Yesudas in an invitation !

His philanthropy is very well-known. For the last 20 years, he has been the Patron-in-Chief of Karnataka Haemophilia Society, Davangere. He performed freely every year raising funds for the treatment of haemophiliacs which helped thousands of patients. Through an article in *SOM,* I also came to know how he has performed for fund-raising for our own SVYM, Mysuru.

I had the privilege of meeting this unassuming *Padma Vibhushan* SPB, a multi-talented personality, when he had come for a shooting of a Telugu film at Lalitha Mahal Palce hotel. Film shooting is a boring affair and stars have to wait inbetween shots for hours together. SPB used to keep himself busy with some book and quietly sit in the lobby reading. I went and introduced myself. He smiled, said hello and went back to his book. Everytime I passed by, he would look up, give a broad smile and go back to his book.

Once I was talking to a production assistant and he said, sir, if you want to converse with SPB, quietly tell him that you are a big fan of Rafi *saab.* So next time I met SPB, I innocently started to talk on Rafi *saab* and his music. SPB laughed aloud and told me "Has somebody in the film set told you this trick." I sheepishly told him, yes. The ice was broken and we started to talk of various subjects since both of us belonged to glamorous fields, that is hotels and films. There were plenty of anecdotes to share.

I distinctly remember asking him if it was possible for stones to melt or rains to fall with the sheer power of music as shown in movies. His answer, "I have heard of several hermits levitating in Himalayas. Several Zen masters can push you with sheer power of yoga without touching you. All this is hearsay and I have personally not seen these extraordinary feats. So if a musician is able to achieve yogic powers with meditation and *tapasya,* these things you mentioned, like getting a rain to fall etc., may be possible. I do not have this power nor anybody I know. Rest I leave it to your imagination."

Though I offered to host a meal several times, he would always eat the food offered by his unit. Last day of his visit, I somehow tempted him to have a scoop of the famous "Fig and honey" ice-cream.

A gentle giant. Sir, we will miss you. You were blessed by Ma Saraswathi. Otherwise how could you sing such classical songs with ease without a formal training ! You live through your immortal songs.

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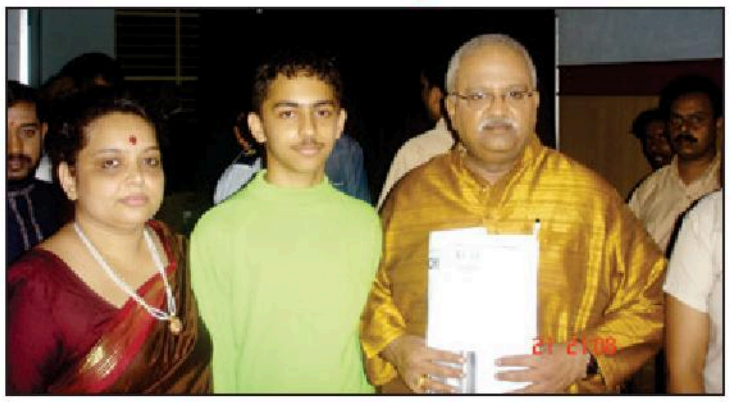
The cuckoo did not sing again!

Matte Haadalilla Kogile...



Dr. Veena Bharathi and her son Yashas with the legendary singer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) at Jnana Jyothi Auditorium of Central College, Bengaluru.

By Dr. Veena Bharathi

I consider myself extremely fortunate since I could meet and speak to the legendary singer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam (SPB) in 2005 and 2007 in Bengaluru. In 2005, when my husband was working as the CEO of Bhagwan Mahaveer Jain Hospital, I had guided the Medical team that was assigned the task of attending to SPB's healthcare needs in the event of any unexpected fluctuations in his health (due to flight travelling, programme fatigue factor).

SPB was in very good spirits during the tea-break at 7.30 pm. I told him, "Sir, your and our dearest hero is undergoing feet care and physiotherapy at Jain Hospital !"

Pat came the question (which is still ringing in my ears) *"Hegiddanamma Vishnu ...?"* That was the year I was supervising Dr. Vishnuvardhan's physiotherapy sessions twice a week for nearly three months and the veteran singer had soulfully guessed who the hero was, as he has sung to Vishnu right from the movie *Naagarahaavu.*

SPB also discussed with me about Karnataka Hemophilia Society (as I handed him over my article on Haemophilia Society - Bangalore Chapter). Balu sir was a contributor for the Davangere Chapter of the Society. Yet again, I met him at the Palace Grounds in 2007, where Archana Udupa was the co-singer. He smiled his innocent smile and greeted me "Doctre, nice to be seeing you again !"

Now, that hope of hearing his melodious, soulful voice on stage live is crushed forever, we have to live with whatever his immortal song has conveyed: *"Jothe jotheyale iruvenu heege endu..."* as SPB lives in our heart eternally!

Towering personality

Gaana Gandharva Dr. Sripathi Panditaradhyula Balasubrahmanyam, more known as SPB, is no more with us. I was lucky enough to be in his august presence for more than two hours when I was invited by him to be a judge for 'Ede Thumbi Haaduvenu' reality show. He began the show with a song sung by him in his honey voice.

He conducted the show so well, introducing me in all superlatives, encouraging the young participants with kind appreciative words and consoling those who lost in that episode.

More than that, outside the studio, he was such a simple soul speaking with all humility to my husband and son who had accompanied me. I was surprised when a musician of his calibre appreciated whole-heartedly my composition 'Manasara mati needu,' a ragamalika, which I sang at the end of the episode.

Dr. SBP would have rendered many more soulful songs, acted many more memorable roles (as in *Kaadhalan* and *Keladi Kanmani)* and filled our hearts, if he had lived. But his voice and simplicity will always be in our hearts for ever. May his soul rest in peace.

—Geetha Seetharam

WORD OF THE DAY

Ubiquitous

Pronunciation: yoo-BIK-wuh-tuss.
Meaning: Existing or being everywhere at the same time : constantly encountered : widespread.
Origin: Ubiquitous comes to us from the noun ubiquity, meaning "presence everywhere or in many places simultaneously." Both words are ultimately derived from the Latin word for "everywhere," which is ubique. Ubiquitous, which has often been used with a touch of exaggeration to describe those things that it seems like you can't go a day without encountering, has become a more widespread and popular word than ubiquity. It may not quite be ubiquitous, but if you keep your eyes and ears open, you're apt to encounter the word ubiquitous quite a bit.
Example: "Within China, WeChat is ubiquitous, serving as an all-in-one app that's important for making payments and even for displaying someone's Coronavirus test results." — David Ingram

THE ODD WORD

Ubicity

Whereabouts.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Under one's belt

Meaning: Safely or satisfactorily achieved, experienced, or acquired. "He now has almost a year as Minister under his belt" (of food or drink) consumed.

Origin: The expression under one's belt first came into use in the late 1700s-early 1800s, and was used as the expression of a tally of how many alcoholic beverages one had consumed. Over time, the phrase under one's belt came to mean consuming food, also. It's from the language of boxing, where the rules forbid hitting the lower abdomen. It, too, can be used figuratively to describe other kinds of unfair act. "to have learned or succeeded in something which might be an advantage in the future." Basic computer skills are a good thing to have under your belt.
When you use the phrase "under my belt," it can have multiple meanings. You may be using it to explain you have acquired or possess experience in a particular area. For example, you might say, "I'm an expert at knitting now that I have five years of practice under my belt." However, it can also refer to something you have consumed, like food or drink.....
The earliest usages of the phrase "under my belt" appear in literature, and primarily refers to consumption of alcohol. For example, in "Ormond, A Tale," by Maria Edgewort, written in 1873, a character had a rule of never going to bed "without a proper quantity of liquor under this belt." In "The Miscellaneous Works of Tobias Smollett, M.D," published in 1790, the author states that a man was carried home with "bottles of claret under his belt." Claret is a type of red wine.

QUOTE BOX

Never give up on the fight until you win the belt. — **Israelmore Ayivor**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

LE
VEL

Answer: Split level.

SUDOKU

		3		2		1	5	
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2				9				7
7	1						4	
4		7		8				
					3			5
	3	8		5		4		

Answer to previous puzzle

1	5	3	7	8	6	9	2	4
6	2	7	9	3	4	5	8	1
8	4	9	2	5	1	6	7	3
4	3	2	1	7	9	8	6	5
7	9	8	5	6	3	1	4	2
5	1	6	8	4	2	7	3	9
2	7	5	3	9	8	4	1	6
3	8	4	6	1	5	2	9	7
9	6	1	4	2	7	3	5	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Greek peak
5 To let fall
9 Computer capability for short
12 Equipped with footwear
13 Catch dropper's comment
14 Inlet for "air" change!
15 Playback singer ___ Nigam
16 Differ
18 Essayist Ralph ___ Emerson
20 Endures
21 Landing-pier
22 Invoice fig.
23 Amin of Uganda
24 Subsides or abates
27 The name of the lion cub in 'Born Free'
31 Firearm
32 Early circumnavigator of globe
34 East Indian shrub
35 Larval oyster
37 Short for 'this month'
38 Required Time of Arrival
39 Ugly old woman; witch
41 Foretell, prophesy or signify
43 The elbow, anatomically speaking?
46 Aquatic carnivore
47 Answer
50 Ivan or Peter
52 Ms Gardner
53 Israeli carrier (2,2)
54 Italian city famous for its ancient Roman ruins
55 Shriver of tennis
56 Flout
57 The stalk of tall, marshy grass

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	A	S	U	■	F	A	D	S	■	A	P	E
I	C	A	N	■	I	M	I	T	A	B	L	E
E	R	I	C	■	R	E	M	E	M	B	E	R
R	E	F	O	R	M	S	■	P	E	A	T	■
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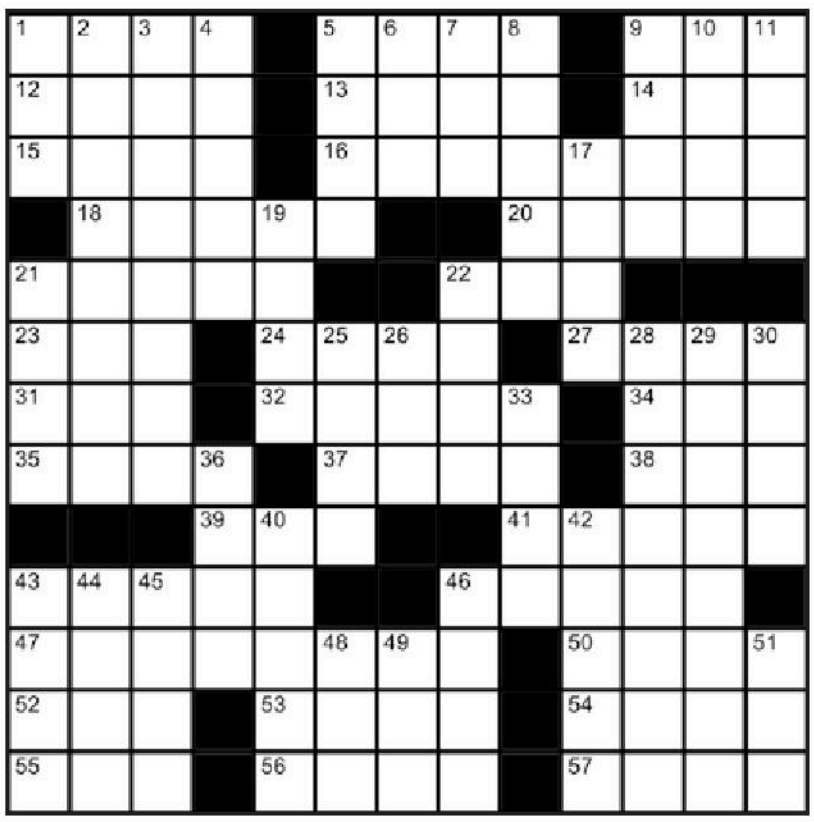
O	P	E	R	E	T	T	A	■	T	H	A	W
M	S	S	■	T	E	E	M	■	E	A	R	N

DOWN
1 Pre-CIA spy org.
2 Exposed or humiliated? (6,2)
3 Short musical composition
4 Mature person
5 Extinct bird
6 French king
7 Roman goddess - mother of Jupiter
8 Biblical hymn
9 Goes astray
10 Food plan
11 Leander of Indian tennis
17 Portal or entrance?
19 Made a different colour
21 Lively jumping dances
22 Inquires of
25 Ship's prison
26 Prohibit or disallow
28 Liberality, bounty, generously bestowed gifts
29 Thoroughly wet
30 Pertaining to wings
33 Change of Govt. : coup d'____
36 You in old English
40 Paid the pot
42 Give voice to
43 Letters of urgency
44 Exploding sun
45 Type of shellfish
46 One and ___ : unique?
48 The French for 'island'
49 Clod
51 Colour of danger



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RJK DWXUKMFK EBG WYR BVZBGF IVBG CBXM, TDR BR

VKBFR XR'F SYR B JKVV YC B FKWFK YC JDEYDM.

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS I

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He makes people pleased with him by making them first pleased with themselves.

KKR defeats RR

Dubai, Oct. 1- Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) defeated Rajasthan Royals (RR) by 37 runs in the 12th match of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020 at Dubai International Cricket Stadium yesterday.

RR were restricted to 137/9 in 20 overs, after being handed a target of 175. All-rounder Tom Curran (54*) was the highest run-scorer, with none of the other batsmen able to make an impact. Shivam Mavi, Kamlesh Nagarkoti and Varun Chakravarthy accounted for two dismissals apiece.

Earlier, KKR posted a total of 174/6 in 20 overs after being sent in to bat. Opener Shubman Gill was the highest run-scorer for the side, scoring 47 runs off 34 deliveries in an innings comprising of five boundaries and a six.

With KKR losing wickets at regular intervals and no batsman really getting set after Gill, Eoin Morgan hit an unbeaten 34 off 23 to help KKR post a competitive total. English pacer Jofra Archer was the pick of the bowlers for RR, accounting for two wickets while conceding only 18 runs.

Brief Scores — KKR: 174/6 (Shubman Gill 47, Eoin Morgan 34*; Jofra Archer 2/18) beat **RR:** 137/9 (Tom Curran 54*, Jos Buttler 21; Kamlesh Nagarkoti 2/13) by 37 runs.

IPL 2020

Today's Match (OCT. 1)

KXIP Vs MI
Sheikh Zayed Stadium, Abu Dhabi, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Tomorrow's Match (OCT. 2)

CSK Vs SRH
Dubai Inlt. Cricket Stadium, Dubai, **7.30 pm (IST)**

Yesterday's Result

KKR 174/6 (20 Overs) beat **RR 137/9 (20 Overs)**

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Robin Uthappa accidentally applies saliva on the ball

Dubai, Oct. 1- In the IPL match between Rajasthan Royals and Kolkata Knight Riders yesterday, Robin Uthappa was spotted applying saliva on the ball while fielding in the third over.

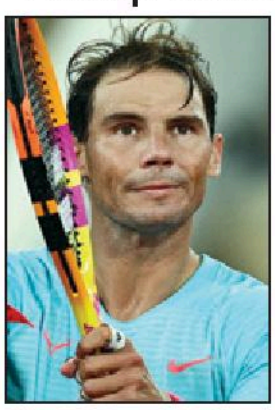
As a precautionary measure against Coronavirus, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has banned using saliva to shine the cricket ball. However, the players are allowed to use sweat as an alternative to shine the ball.

The incident took place in the third over when Uthappa dropped an easy catch after opening batsman Sunil Narine played a lofted shot in an attempt to clear the in-field.

A team can be issued up to two warnings per innings but repeated use of saliva on the ball will result in a 5-run penalty to the batting side, according to the International Cricket Council (ICC).

French Open: Nadal and Thiem ease into third round

Halep advances; Williams withdraws with injury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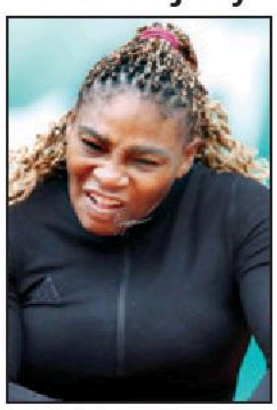
Dominic Thiem

Simona Halep


Serena Williams

Paris, Oct. 1- Defending champion Rafael Nadal took another step closer to a 13th Roland Garros title yesterday with a 6-1, 6-0, 6-3 win over Mackenzie McDonald of the United States.

Second seed Nadal claimed his 95th career win at the tournament and next faces Italy's Stefano Travaglia on Oct. 2.

Nadal didn't face a break point in Wednesday's tie and hit 31 winners. Nadal looked in ominous form as he stepped up his pursuit of Roger Federer's 20 major titles with a crushing win over 236th-ranked McDonald. The Spaniard batted aside McDonald in exactly 100 minutes.

The 34-year-old needs one more major to pull level with long-time rival Federer and owns an astonishing 95-2 record in Paris going back to his triumph on debut in 2005.

Meanwhile, US Open winner Dominic Thiem too swept into the third round on Wednesday with a 6-1, 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) victory over American qualifier Jack Sock.

The Austrian third seed will play Norway's Casper Ruud, seeded 28th, for a place in the last 16 in Paris, on Oct. 2.

Women's Singles

Top seed and 2018 champion Simona Halep advanced to the French Open third round on Wednesday with a 6-3, 6-4 win over fellow Romanian Irina-Camelia Begu.

Halep extended her career-best winning streak to 16 matches.

Reigning Wimbledon champion Halep next faces 25th seed Amanda Anisimova in a rematch of last year's Roland Garros quarter-final won in straight sets by the American teenager.

Meanwhile, Serena Williams withdrew from the French Open on Wednesday ahead of her second round match with an Achilles injury, as the American's bid for a 24th Grand Slam title suffered another blow.

The 39-year-old Williams, a three-time winner at Roland Garros, had arrived in Paris carrying an Achilles injury that prompted her to skip the Rome tune-up event.

The injury likely means she will miss the rest of 2020 leaving the Australian Open in 2021 as her next chance to equal Margaret Court's all-time majors record.

AFI cancels National Championships

New Delhi, Oct. 1- The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) on Wednesday cancelled this year's National Championships in view of the COVID-19 pandemic, virtually bringing the season to an end without any competition.

The move was on expected lines after the AFI on Aug. 28 decided to defer the season, earlier scheduled to start on Sept. 12 in view of the global health crisis. There has not been any athletics competition so far this season. A National Throws Open Championships will be held in Patiala on Oct. 26 and 27 and that will be the only worthwhile event at the senior level this year.

A few zonal events in November and the National Youth Championships in Vijaywada in December are the other competitions to be held this year.

The AFI seemed to be hoping that the next season, which will be crucial for Olympics qualification for a number of athletes, will be a normal one with the first Indian Grand Prix in Thiruvananthapuram kick-starting the competitions for 2021 on Feb. 12.

The National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships will be held in Bengaluru from June 25 to 29. All the Indian Grand Prix events, the Federation Cup and the National Inter-State are Olympic qualifying events.

"The competition calendar was re-drawn keeping in mind the rise in the COVID-19 cases across the country. AFI is duty-bound to provide competitions to our athletes but due to the prevailing circumstances we have to take care of the safety of our athletes," AFI President Adille Sumariwalla said in a release.

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 2)

- **Centre for Gandhian Studies, Gandhi Bhavan, Manasagangothri:** 125th Gandhi Jayanti - International Day of Non-Violence, Gandhian H.N. Channabasappa inaugurates, former Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, retd. Professor and cultural thinker Prof. C. Naganna chief guest, University of Mysore Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa will be present, Gandhi Bhavan Director Prof. M.S. Shekhar will be present, Gandhi Bhavan auditorium, Manasagangothri, **10.30 am.**
- **Forest Department and Asian Elephant Support (AES):** 'Mysuru Dasara Aanegalu' - Series of webinar through Zoom Meeting [Meeting ID: 993 8807 7334; Passcode: 581092], **5.30 pm.**

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2 AFSB, Mysore will be celebrating 88th Anniversary of the Indian Air Force from 05 Oct 20 to 08 Oct 20. All retired Air Force personnel who are residing in and around Mysore are cordially invited to attend the function as per the following schedule:-

Sl No.	Time & Date	Programme Details	Venue	Personnel who are invited	Contact No.
(a)	05 Oct 2020 1930 hrs	SNCO's Mess Cocktail	SNCO's Mess	All retired Hony Ranks and SNCOs Dress: Open Collar / Lounge suit / Combination	CMC 9108472039 8800970069 0821-2526018
(b)	06 Oct 2020 1230 hrs	Barakhana	Airmen Mess	All retired Cpls and below : Dress: Open Collar	OIC Airmen Mess 9502744186 7011564222
(c)	07 Oct 2020 2000h	Social Evening at Officers Mess	Officers' Mess	All retired officers with spouse Dress: Lounge suit / Combination	Mess Secretary 0821-2626683

NOTE :
1. All the retired Air Force personnel may contact Air Force authorities at the above mentioned telephone number for any query.
2. All desirous to attend are requested to follow COVID-19 precautions and protocols.
3. Attendance in all events will be restricted to facilitate physical distancing norms and Unlock guidelines issued by the Govt in vogue. Hence it is requested to confirm your attendance latest by 1400 hrs on 03 Oct 20.

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